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## Letter from Eva Sandberger to Senator Langer Regarding Martin Sandberger, 1949

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November 18, 1949.

Honorable William Langer  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

Speaking also for my three children, I beg to ask you kindly to give some minutes to the study of what the defense counsel states in the enclosed letter about the case of my husband Martin SANDBERGER, Ph.D., who was sentenced in a Nuremberg Trial. It was the Military Tribunal Nr. II which in Case IX on April 10, 1948, sentenced my husband to be hanged.

Since that time he has been confined in Landsberg WC Prison, and after so long a time and despite the large evidence compiled in the meantime to prove the errors of the judgement, he is still in danger of being executed and that for the only reason that no authority can be found in USA competent to reconsider Nuremberg judgements.

The Supreme Court in Washington refused a hearing for writ of Habeas Corpus for lack of competency. The District Court for the District of Columbia will deal with a petition only when due fee is paid in dollars. And yet the sentence was pronounced by US Military Tribunal which held its sessions under the flag of the United States. Should there, indeed, exist no authority competent to rectify the errors of such a tribunal when the life of a man is depending on this rectification?

Since a death sentence was passed on my husband one would assume that defense evidence was refuted only after very careful examination. The enclosed statements of the defense counsel show, however that unfortunately it was not examined at all.

Due to the way American Military jurisdiction in our country is organized, no possibility for reconsideration by a Court of appeal seems to exist in Germany. Up to now courts in USA have denied a hearing to the defendants for formal reasons or because the defendants were not able to provide the money required.

As it is, obviously, impossible to repeal the sentence by an ordinary second instance of a court, would it not be fair that the consequences of an error of justice are prevented by commutation of the death sentence by way of administration or by way of clemency?

The statements of the defense counsel and the evidence show clearly that the sentence passed on my husband was not just because the decisive proof furnished by the defense were not considered by the Court.

I ask you most respectfully to help to end this state of things almost unbearable for us human beings, by annulment of the death sentence. If my husband had committed the crimes for which he is accused, I would not ask you for help.

Thanking you most heartily for all assistance you will give me in this matter, I am

Yours faithfully

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